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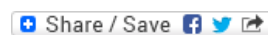
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Action Item: Berkeley Languages Workload--Please Sign our Petition Today!

In the 2016 MOU, UC-AFT negotiated a reduction in full-time workload from six to five courses for lecturers teaching world languages at Berkeley. This reduction brought course load in line with Merced, which is the only other semester campus. UCB has resisted this change in a variety of ways since the contract was ratified, and we have responded with a grievance and organizing. On May 10, the grievance reaches Step III, which is the final step before arbitration. Lecturers will deliver a petition to incoming Chancellor, Carol Christ, in advance of the grievance meeting next week. Please support our colleagues at Berkeley [by signing our petition](#) and take a minute to read [this great opinion piece](#) by supportive UCB student, Nina Djukic.

State Audit of UCOP: Dark Budgets, Slush Funds and Interference by the UC President

The latest audit of the UC Office of the President has opened old wounds and once again exposed a disturbing lack of transparency in the UC budget. In addition, UCOP was caught red handed interfering in the audit process by modifying audit survey responses from the campuses. In the [Joint Legislative Audit hearing](#) on Tuesday, Napolitano begged forgiveness for UCOP's handling of the audit while she delivered a meandering response that seemed to blame others in her office for modifying survey responses. It's unclear how much of the \$175 million identified in the

audit is actually slush money, but it is clear that the UC Regents and administration continue to prioritize management salary and perks over the research and teaching mission of the University.

Struggling to Repay Student Loans? Get Relief at UC-AFT’s Student Debt Relief Training
Many lecturers and librarians at UC are struggling to pay down student debt and don’t know that they are eligible for debt relief through income-based repayment plans and public service loan forgiveness. On June 23-24 in Burbank, UC-AFT will provide a train-the-trainer workshop that will provide member and staff participants with the information and materials we need to run local workshops on student debt relief. If you are interested in attending the two-day training in June and would like to help to run a local workshop (1.5 hrs) for colleagues on your campus, [please provide your contact info here](#).

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